

Consensus is...

Finding an **acceptable proposal** that all members can *support*.

Consensus is not...

- ◉ A unanimous vote
- ◉ A majority vote
- ◉ Everyone 100% satisfied

Support

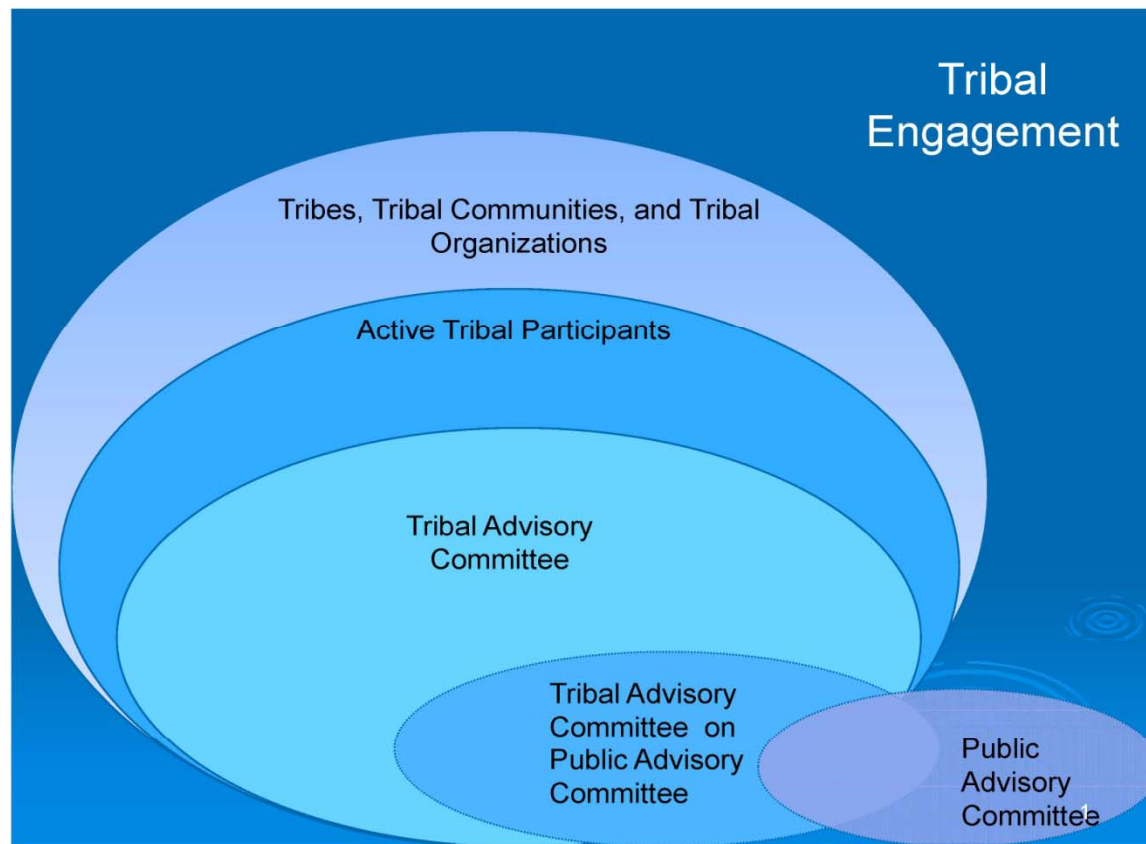
- **Unqualified Support: Full agreement with all aspects of a proposal**
- **Strong Support: for most aspects of a proposal. No fundamental disagreements with any aspect of a proposal.**
- **General Support for all or most aspects of a proposal. No fundamental disagreement with Key aspects of proposal.**
- **Qualified Support Significant disagreement with one or more aspects of proposal; however, the member can live with the proposal as packaged**
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i.e., the suggested proposal is better than the status quo (in this “not happy, but I’ll live with it” option, parties may be asked to work on generating alternative options or language that address the concerns of all.)
- **Fundamental Disagreement with key aspects of proposal. Not willing to support or live with the proposal as it stands. Parties with this opinion may be asked to suggest alternatives that move the proposal toward accommodating the interests of all.**

Consensus requires...

- ◉ Time
- ◉ Active participation by all
- ◉ Good listening and communication skills by all
- ◉ Open-mindedness
- ◉ Creative thinking

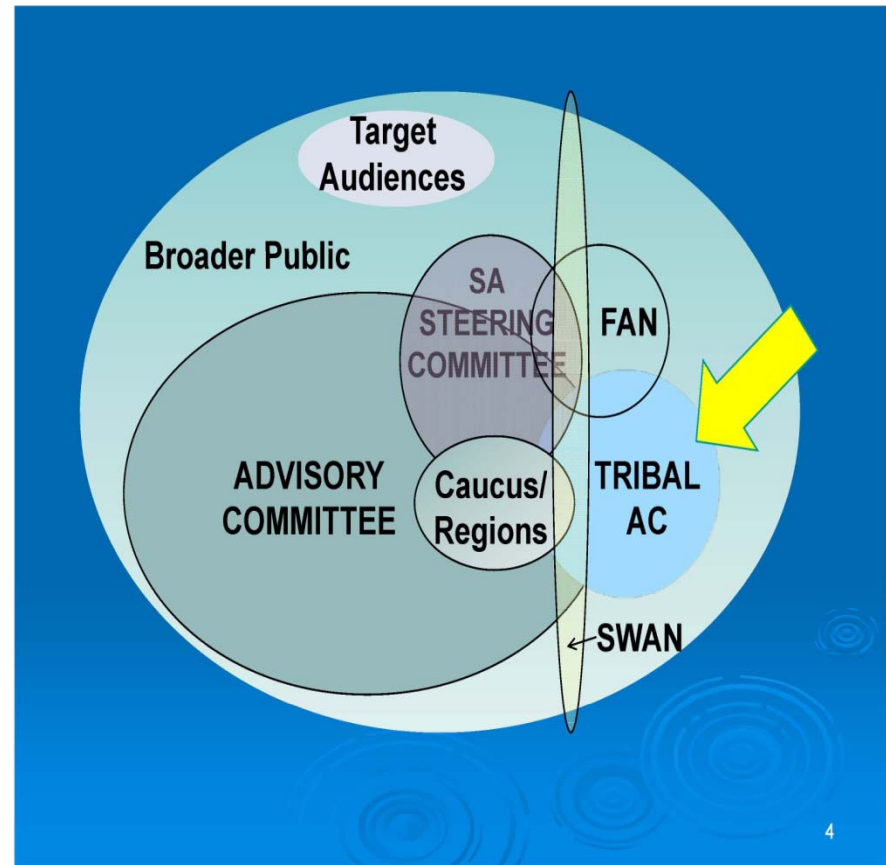
Water Plan and Consensus

- Not all Californian's participate in the Water Plan



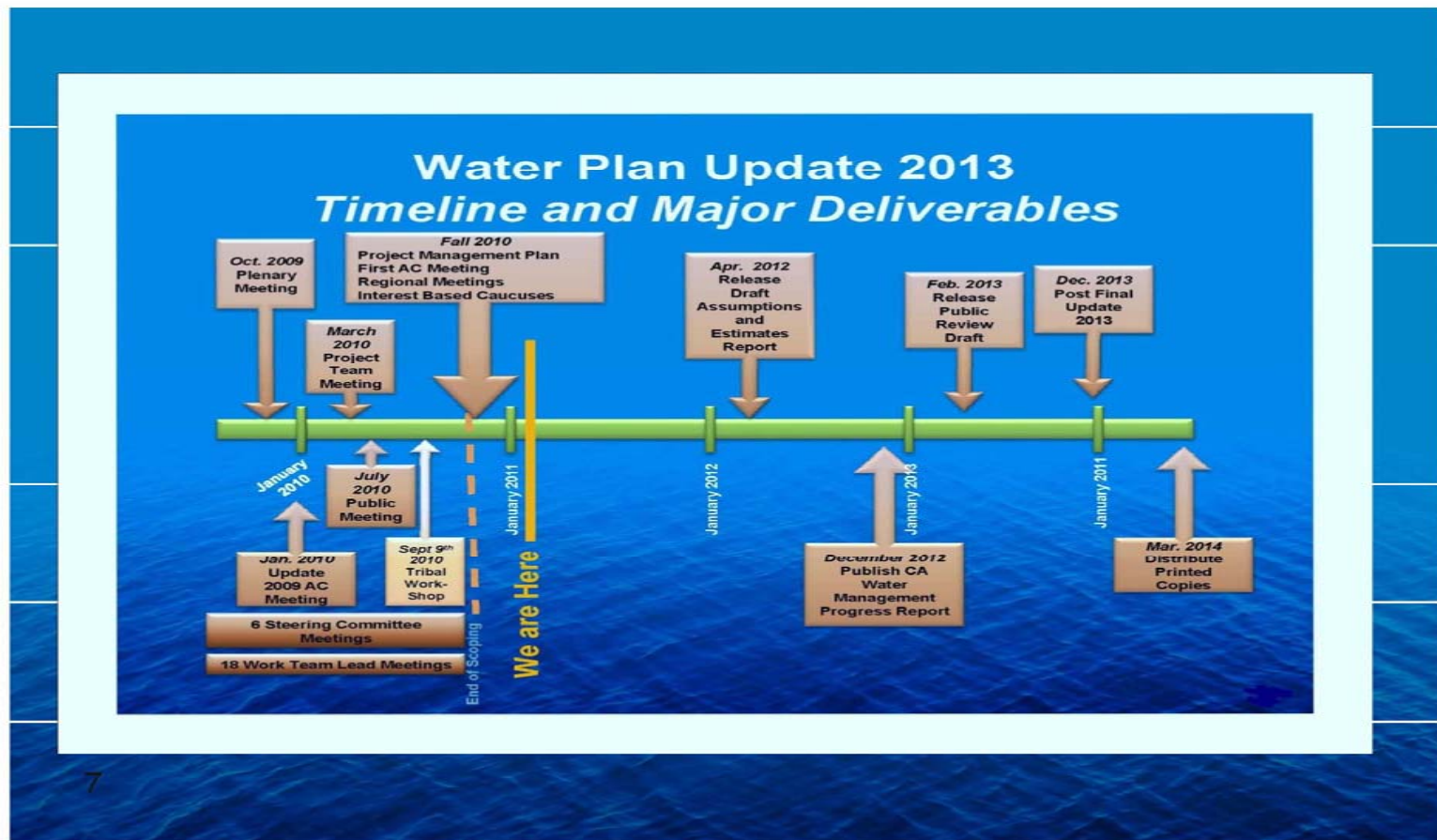
Water Plan Consensus

- “Consensus” must be with Tribal AC and other groups (Public AC, Caucuses, Regional outreach, SWAN)

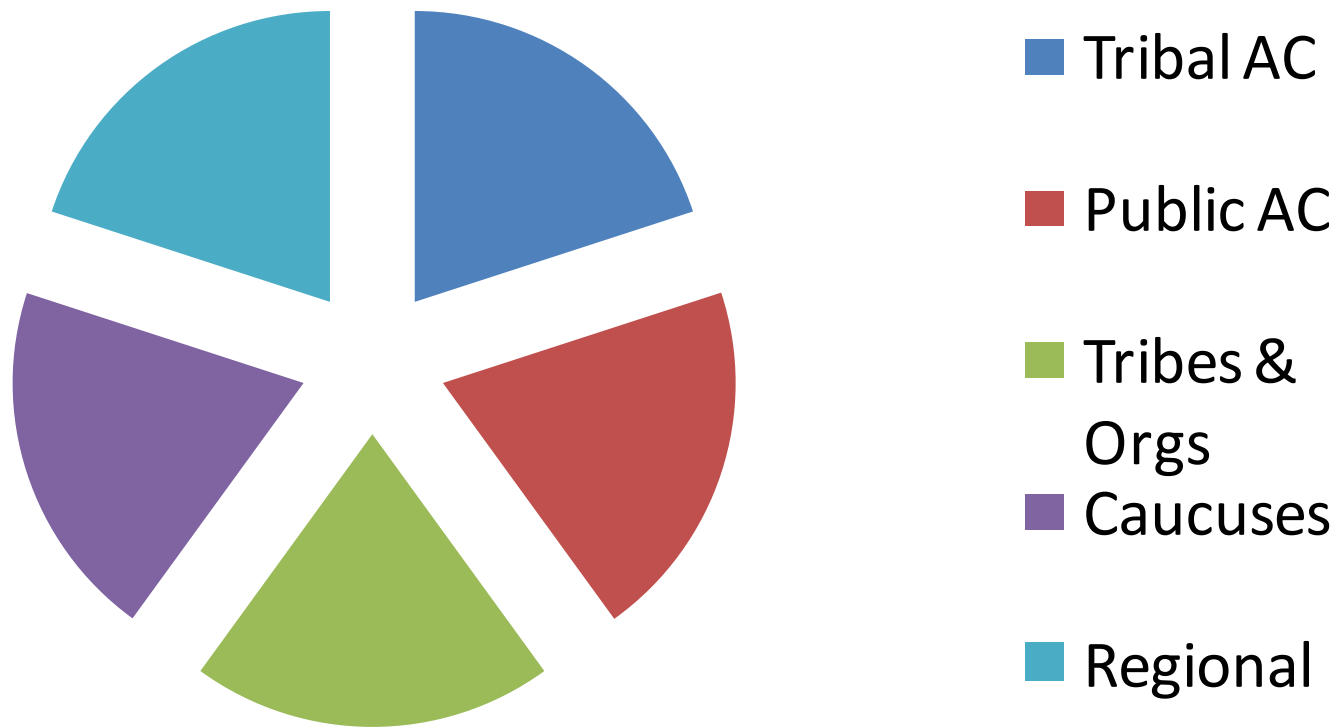


Water Plan Consensus

- Time is constrained by statutory needs.



Building a Consensus in Water Plan



Tribal AC Charter

- **The Tribal Advisory Committee (AC) Charter includes provisions on how the group will conduct its business. There are various options the group may select, based on its preferences.**

Purpose: Why Does a group exist.

- *The Tribal Advisory Committee will ensure integration of tribal input into Update 2013 of the California Water Plan (“Update 2013”), begin addressing the complex water issues facing Tribal communities that were identified in Update 2009, and improve communication and collaboration between California Indian Tribes and the California Water Plan.*

Framework – Process for achieving goals.

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- The Tribal Advisory Committee is one of multiple forums and venues for California citizens to review and provide recommendations to the Water Plan. The formation of the Tribal Advisory Committee recognizes that Tribes are sovereign governments and thus should be represented by their chosen liaisons. The following language provides a sample of defining the Scope and Framework for how the Tribal Advisory Committee shall accomplish its intended objectives.

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Intended Outcomes

- *The Tribal Advisory Committee was developed pursuant to discussion with Tribal Communication Committee and Tribal Water Summit Planning Team and an extended scoping process as a means to achieve the objectives developed through the Tribal Engagement Plan. These are identified below as suggested outcomes, and recommendations for focus of the Tribal AC.*

Member Roles and Responsibilities

- *The Tribal Advisory Committee was developed pursuant to discussion with Tribal Communication Committee, the Tribal Water Summit Planning Team and an extended scoping process. The following language is consistent with Roles and Responsibilities suggested by the Tribal Engagement Plan for the Tribal AC.*